

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
RESPONSE

Application No.: 10/686,603  
Title: Apparatus and Method for Damping Vibration  
in a Machine Tool  
Inventor: Don Zoran  
Applicant: Racer Machinery International Inc.  
Filing Date: October 17, 2003  
Examiner: Erica E. Cadugan  
Group Art Unit: 3722  
Our File No.: K8000275US

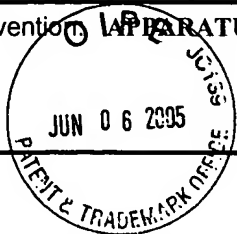
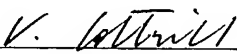
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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the office action mailed April 13, 2005, to which a reply is due on or before July 13, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)</b>				Docket No. <b>K8000275US</b>	
Applicant(s): <b>Don Zoran</b>					
Application No. <b>10/686,603</b>	Filing Date <b>10/17/2003</b>	Examiner <b>Erica E. Cadugan</b>	Customer No. <b>34236</b>	Group Art Unit <b>3722</b>	Confirmation No. <b>9119</b>
Invention: <b>APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DAMPING VIBRATION IN A MACHINE TOOL</b>					
 <b>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27					
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